

Rochester Board of Education Quality Assurance Committee Work Session

May 24, 2006
Minutes

Attendance: Chairwoman Thompson, Commissioner Henley. Commissioner Elliott absent.

Chairwoman Thompson convened the meeting at 6 p.m.

She provided copies of the responsibilities of the other standing committees to be used for comparison purposes. She and Commissioner Henley discussed and wordsmithed the draft scope statement of the QA committee, which follows:

MISSION STATEMENT

The Quality Assurance Committee of the Rochester City School District Board of Education is dedicated to enhancing the quality of all aspects of the District's educational systems, practices and programs. The Committee will accomplish this through cooperation with faculty, staff, administration, community and students as they interact with one another for the advancement of teaching and learning. Focusing on the future needs of our society, Committee activities are based on respect for the individual, and fair and equal treatment of all students.

VISION

The Quality Assurance Committee will serve as a catalyst for continuous improvement by monitoring Board of Education and District activities to ensure high quality practices, processes and systems. The goal is optimizing the delivery of District services and programs in order to improve student achievement. Working with the other standing committees of the Board, the Committee will identify ways in which quality assurance tenets can be woven into the fabric of each committee's work and throughout the District.

DUTIES

The Quality Assurance Committee will:

- Review Quarterly Academic Achievement reports
- Oversee program evaluation to ensure funded programs are effectively impacting student achievement, and that successful programs are replicated where possible
- Follow up on implementation of Board-approved policies/programs
- Review and recommend positions to Board on resolutions pertaining to student achievement, corresponding policies, programs, etc.
- Monitor, with Board Governance, progress on the Board's annual goals
- Review policies and/or administrative recommendations that impact student achievement.
- Provide status reports to the Board of Education and serve as the primary conduit between the committees and administration on issues of quality assurance

Chairwoman Thompson also discussed a memo to Superintendent Rivera questioning military recruiting practices in District high schools, specifically regarding whether anti-military organizations are informed. She and Commissioner Henley agreed that she send the memo as QA chair.

They also agreed to change the June meeting date from the 5th to the 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.